

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT****I. HEADING****Date:** November 10, 1997**Subject:** Bossert Manufacturing Site  
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START

POLREP NO. 6

**II. BACKGROUND**

Site No.:	S7
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-010
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	NYD00Z249563
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved on 9/26/97
Start Date:	9/30/97
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

### III. SITE INFORMATION

#### A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

#### B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminate debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

### IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

#### A. Situation

##### 1. Removal Actions to Date

11/3/97 - 11/8/97: On November 3, 300 feet of lights were mounted in the trimmer room. The lighting will increase visibility and provide a safer working environment during loadout of PCB contaminated debris. ERRS continued loadout of PCB contaminated debris during this work week. On November 5, four truckloads of PCB contaminated debris totalling 105 cubic yards were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, eleven truckloads with a combined volume of 300 cubic yards have left the site. On November 6, loadout of PCB contaminated kiln dust and carbon powder commenced. Three truckloads of PCB contaminated kiln dust and carbon powder with a combined weight of approximately 66 tons were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. A 20,000 gallon water tank was delivered to site on November 6. The water tank will be utilized for the decontamination of scrap metal and for future asbestos abatement activities.



On November 5, ERRS mobilized a licensed structural engineer to site. Throughout the remainder of the work week the engineer performed an evaluation of the structural integrity of the building. The engineer will generate a report pointing out problem areas as well as making recommendations to remediate any potential trouble spots.

START generated two spreadsheets to track the loadout of PCB contaminated debris as well as PCB contaminated kiln dust and carbon powder. START continued to conduct contractor monitoring, health and safety oversight, and documentation.

## 2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

## B. Planned Removal Actions

ERRS will continue loadout of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder during the week of November 10.

## C. Key Issues

N/A

## V. COST INFORMATION AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 1997 \*

ERRS Contractor	\$	1,893,614
START Contractor Costs		129,832
Intramural Costs		<u>210,423</u>
TOTAL	\$	2,233,869
Project Ceiling	\$	5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining		62.7%

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.